

## A B S T R A C T

## A SET OF INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPLANTING A KNEE PROSTHESIS

5           The assembly comprises a first instrument (10) for  
distracting the knee and comprising firstly two branches  
          (13, 14) movable relative to each other and provided at  
          their distal ends respectively with means (26) for  
          pressing against the tibia and means (28) for pressing  
10       against the femur, and secondly means (16) for moving the  
          distal ends of the branches mutually apart. The  
          distraction instrument (10) further comprises a device  
          (12) for acting on the medial side and on the lateral  
          side of the femur to locate the positions where at least  
15       one pair of extramedullary pins are to be implanted in  
          respective directions lying in a common plane  
          substantially parallel to a plane tibial bearing surface  
          defined by the means (26) for bearing against the tibia,  
          said plane being situated at an adjustable distance from  
20       said tibial bearing surface. The invention is applicable  
          to implanting a knee prosthesis, in particular a  
          prosthesis including a moving plate.

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